

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention is directed to novel polypeptides having sequence identity with
5 IL-17 and to nucleic acid molecules encoding those polypeptides. Also provided herein are
vectors and host cells comprising those nucleic acid sequences, chimeric polypeptide
molecules comprising the polypeptides of the present invention fused to heterologous
polypeptide sequences, antibodies which bind to the polypeptides of the present invention
and to methods for producing the polypeptides of the present invention. Further provided
10 herein are methods for treating degenerative cartilaginous disorders.